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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 118, MAY 23, 1977 (SALT II
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1. ARTICLE XI: SIDES HAD A LONG AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE
RELATIVE MERITS OF THE FORMULATIONS "NOT LATER THAN" AND "FROM",
AND OF THE REQUIREMENTS INHERENT IN THE US-PROPOSED FORMULATION.
KARPOV SAID THERE WAS A DUBIOUS ASPECT IN RUSSIAN TO THE PHRASE
"NOT LATER THAN" WHICH IMPLIES AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE ACTIONS PRIOR
TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. DATA BASE: KARPOV SAID SOVIETS CONSIDERING US PROPOSAL AND
DELIVERED LENGTHY EXPOSE OF SOVIET DESIRE TO CLEAN UP JDT TO
MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE REGARDLESS OF ANY INTERDEPENDENCE OR DONDI-
TIONS ON VARIOUS PROVISIONS WHICH EITHER SIDE MAY HAVE ESTABLISHED.

3. NON-CIRCUMVENTION: KLOSSON EMPHASIZED US POSITION AND
APPROACH WAS AS STATED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT US PRE-
PARED TO EXPLORE PRECISE MEANING OF SOVIET PROPOSED LANGUAGE.
KARPOV AVOIDED PRECISE EXPLANATIONS OF PHRASES "COULD LEAD TO";
"WEAKENING"; AND "IN ANY OTHER MANNER". HE FOCUSED ON THIRD
COUNTRY ASPECTS WITH EMPHASIS ON USING ALLIES IN HYPOTHETICAL
CIRCUMVENTION OF NUMERICAL LIMITS. HE ALSO REFERRED TO POSSIBLE

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CIRCUMVENTION OF PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN SYSTEMS AND OF LIMITS
ON TESTING. HE SAID THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL NOT INTENDED TO PERTAIN
TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY US OR USSR WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE
'JURISDICTIONS'. HE ALSO SAID THAT NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION
WAS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE MAINTENANCE OF "BALANCE OF MUTUAL
INTERESTS WHICH WAS AGREED AT VLADIVOSTOK." HE DID NOT PROVIDE
ANY EXAMPLES OF WHAT SOVIET SIDE INTENDS BY LANGUAGE "IN ANY

OTHER MANNER" AS DISTINGUISHED FROM "ACTIONS THROUGH THIRD STATES."

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26. WARNKE

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